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PARTY ON!

Rave is dead and jungle killed it? Has jungle devoured the final remnants of the good vibe? Can you dance to it, can you hum the tunes and is it of low musical merit? Does it even aspire to the originality of punk? Is it bleak, negative and retrogressive? Or worse, is jungle boring?

Ravescene was born at a time when rave was exciting and vibrant. There were no labels, it was all just rave music. We had one overriding rule - that we wouldn't publicise anything that we wouldn't do ourselves. Over the last few months it has become increasingly difficult to muster up the enthusiasm to write about a scene that simply doesn't exist anymore. Why review a 'rave' that we weren't at and had to try to find someone who wanted to go to it? It is easy to berate the authorities for forcing the scene back into the clubs, but really all they had to do was to sit back and watch the self-destruction.

Now I know that by printing what I really feel that some people out there are going to get the hump, they are going to get very nasty and probably harass and intimidate us on the phone and in person - why? for printing what is in *our opinion* the truth? All it does for us is to reiterate what we feel - that the jungle scene breeds moodiness and bad attitude. The only answer is this - let jungle go it's own way and the people that are involved in it do their own thing, (and there are some good, decent jungle promoters out there), even publish their own magazine, but don't pretend that it has anything to do with rave - it doesn't. It is a totally separate animal.

Rave is dead, it will never come back the way we knew and loved it but it is still possible to put on huge, exciting parties and it is possible to find DJ's who play proper hardcore - Slipmatt, Devious D, Dougal, Vibes, Fabio, Ellis Dee are prime

examples. A DJ has to search for decent tunes or do as Slipmatt does and make the dub plates he plays out up himself.

The same can be said of the house scene - garage attracts just a moody crowd as drum and bass and the alternative room (if there is one) at a jungle event will be predominantly New York garage. This is not house music - house music uplifts, gives energy and promotes good vibes. Garage clubs tend to empty out at 4am when the charlie runs out - people at house clubs are still going at 6am and beyond. Hardcore and house go together in all their forms, trance, progressive, deep, acid and uplifting. With house labelling counts for nothing - it doesn't matter what it's called if it makes you dance. In fact, all the categorising these days is also killing the scene - labels on clothes, labels on music - who cares?

So, back to basics. Let's all think party again - go out, meet new friends, dance all night and be what you want to be!

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REVIEW

**Double Dipped
'Submerged'**
Saturday 14th May 1994
Bagleys, York Way, Kings Cross,
London N1

This was the third party in the series since *RaveScene Magazine's* own events took off under their own steam, under the name 'Double Dipped'. All three parties have been totally themed out and this was no exception. The flyer was the first inclination that this party was going to be an event not to be missed. The line-up for a start promised something for everyone with four rooms of different styles of house - hardcore, trance & techno, garage and house classics and progressive, with top-liners appearing in all four rooms. When we arrived the queue was massive but moved quickly (just as well as it was pouring down with rain) and the security searches were fast but thorough. As we went in we saw that the entrance hall was amazingly decorated with all sorts of weird sea-monsters hanging from the ceiling, lit up by loads of UV.

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The bar area was really busy and we kept returning there all night as the music was spot on - proper vocally house tunes played by DJ's such as Skie, Pee-Why and John 'OO' Fleming. The message tent and the body

painting area was in this room all decked out with brightly coloured decoration and loads of soft cushions to relax on if it all got a bit too much!

In the big hardcore room it's hard to single out any of the DJ's for special mention as they were all playing as I had never heard them before, huge storming tunes and not a bit of drum and bass or jungle to be heard - just proper hardcore all night.

"Hands in the air, horns, whistles, the crowd loved it - proper hardcore all night"

Fabio and Dougal were unbelievable and the crowd loved it. Hands in the air, horns, whistles it was all there. We liked all the dance platforms in the middle and the stage dancers were having it major as well with some dressed in the strangest costumes!

The techno room was next and I have to say that techno isn't really my thing but instead of the gabba stuff I was expecting we were treated to a new style of techno, hard but not harsh and there were loads of people at Double Dipped that night who had obviously come especially to hear these DJ's. I caught part of Warlock's set which kept me dancing in there for quite a while and I heard excellent reports of all the others including Loft Groover, Andy Burr, Trevor Rockcliffe and Lulu. The room at the end of the building was one that I hadn't seen in use before in all the times I have been to Bagleys. It was a huge room with half of it completely tiered, under which was a walkway to another smaller room. This was the Destiny/The Cream room who had brought with them all many

Greivous Bodily Harm

GBH is a new drug on the scene which is at present legal in this country though this is under review. The criminalisation process is likely to be speeded up as it looks as though it was this drug that was responsible for two deaths at a gay club last weekend. It is also known as liquid ecstasy and is sold by the capful or in capsules. It was developed in America as an anaesthetic and occurs naturally in the body as a fatty acid in very small amounts. It has been used by bodybuilders. It is rumoured to be implicated in the death of River Phoenix. It causes euphoria and relaxation but also leads to amnesia, muscle spasms, fits, vomiting and finally seizure, coma and respiratory arrest. As it is very difficult to regulate the dose and as little is known about it in this country by the general public, it is best avoided at all costs. Don't get fooled by dealers calling it 'liquid E'.

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On the production side, everything that was on the flyer was there and more besides. Lights, lasers, sound, hangings, projections - all superb. At £15 it had to be one of the best value for money events of recent times and I was only glad that we weren't one of the hundreds of non-ticket holders that got turned away because the building was full. I have heard that Double Dipped have managed to sort out another date, but it's not until 28th August, Bank Holiday Sunday, but make sure that you get your ticket as soon as they go on sale and I for one will definitely not be missing it! This was the biggest and best event in London for ages and the next one looks set to be even better!

RaveScene reply:
It is very difficult for us to print a review of one of our own events - we haven't done it before and it seems a bit like blowing our own trumpet. But it was a damn good party though and we had a good time as well so we have printed one of the many unsolicited reviews that were sent to us. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who worked so very hard to make this party what it was and for their support over the last difficult months - we couldn't have survived without you! So thanks to: Lee & Christian (Destiny/The Cream), Kathy, Mike, Bec & Sara (Body Art), Donna (Wild Frog), Sue (Turnmills), Debbie, Mark & Terry (Bagleys), Carlos, Fred & Tony, Terry Turbo, Paul & Paul (Special K), Will Power, Lulu, Trevor and Tim (Clueless System), Katie & Sean, Luke & Emma, Ben & Ross, Tony & Owen, Pee-Why and his posse, Shaney for her coaches, David (Time Out), Sammy (Bannerama), all the DJ's who have played so well, Shelley, MC Melody, Lisa (Pulse), the record shops who stock our tickets and flyers and especially Adrian Catwell! Last but not least thank you to everyone who made Submerged what it was! See you at the club on Friday for more of the same! And if you'd like to become a member of Double Dipped please fill in the form on the club ad on page 3

the bottom line

Obsession has been cancelled. No reason has yet been given but the information lines are not being answered. Several of the ticket outlets handed over their ticket money last Thursday, without being told that the event was cancelled. It would seem that now people that were silly enough to buy tickets that far in advance stand to wait a long time for a refund. You'd think that people would have learnt their lesson after the Woodstock debacle last year. One ticket outlet that we spoke to paid more than £2,000 over to the organisers before learning that the event was cancelled. It seems a pity that to date there are no large outdoor events planned for this summer, but then again at the moment there doesn't seem to be any promoters of a size or with the experience to apply for a license of this size. I suspect that the only outdoor events that will happen in the future will be house, as opposed to hardcore.

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THE END OF THE PIER

After putting on many of the best parties Destiny/The Cream and Rise & Shine are no longer to be found on Clacton Pier. Thousands will be disappointed that this era has come to an end as it was one of the most unusual and interesting venues in the country. The pier was purchased by Christians father in 1981. He rebuilt the existing dance hall and arcade to provide Oscar's the night club and The Cockney Pride pub. For several years the club ran three successful soul nights until the mood swung round to rave. Christian joined forces with Lee and Destiny/The Cream began it's long run with weekly clubs and monthly monster bash-es using the whole pier. The most recent all nighters have had up to seven rooms, covering the whole house music spectrum from trance through handbag to hardcore. These parties were all ticket only and attracted up to 5,000 people each time. However, during November of 1993 the pier slipped into receivership due to the pressures of the economy. The Receivers took over the running of the pier and in their wisdom after watching how professionally Lee and Christian ran their events decided that they could do better, so on 11th April 1994 Lee and Christian were told that they were no longer allowed on the premises and all their equipment and trading facilities were withheld and remain so to this day. This would have been the biggest summer so far for all Destiny/The Cream members and would have become the best event of it's type this year. Instead the events at the pier, now known as Love Nation have failed to attract anywhere near the same numbers as Destiny/the Cream and if you've seen the flyers you'd understand why. Destiny/The Cream seemed to have knack of booking the finest DJ's in the country in all aspects of house music.

Destiny/The Cream have not retired though. Lee from Destiny said that 'what was then happened. It was the right venue, the right music, at the right time. It cannot be created again. Now what is important is the future, and the art of creating a good club is being able to adapt and change. There are other venues in the country just as interesting as The Pier, albeit different. It's what you put into it that counts'.

Lee & Christian have been busy since leaving the Pier. They hosted a room at Double Dipped at Bagleys on 14th May and they have a special one-off at Hollywoods in Romford on Sunday 29th May. They are also co-hosting Submerged at Turmills every Friday with Double Dipped. Why Turmills? "It's an original venue with the original vibe. Also it's got PD drivers on the bass powered by Amcron amps which provide one of the best sound systems you can experience in today's world! We also like the way it's laid out, with two rooms of music plus loads of places to sit and chat. It's such a new venue in this scene, so it's fresh and everyone who's been there so far has loved it. We just need to work really hard to get the word about. It's really easy to find as well, even if you're from outside London like us, being about five minutes from Kings Cross, between the City and Holborn."